

Las Cruces, NM – On Saturday, Congressman Harry Teague will present World War II Veteran Raul Escobar, Sr. with seven awards and medals for his service as a Seabee from 1944-1947. Mr. Escobar, a resident of Lordsburg, served in the Pacific theater on three invasions campaigns in Leyte, Jiro Jima and Okinawa and failed to receive his medals following his heroic service. Mr. Escobar contacted Congressman Teague in December for assistance in receiving his commendations.

Congressman Harry Teague will present Mr. Escobar with the World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars), Navy Occupation Service Medal (with Asia Clasp), Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Discharge Button, Honorable Service Lapel Pin (Ruptured Duck), and the Philippine Liberation Medal (with 1 Bronze Star). Mr. Escobar will be joined by his wife of 60 years, Manuela, his sons David and Rudy Jr. and his grandchildren for the awarding of the medals. The ceremony, open to the public, is being held at the Deming City Hall.

**WHAT:** Veteran Medal Presentation Ceremony

**WHERE:** Deming City Hall, 309 S. Gold

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM